

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of February 21, 2007 is gratefully acknowledged.

The rejection of claims 15 - 17, 19 and 22 - 24 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Wilcox et al in view of Gersh et al is noted as is the objection to claims 18, 20, 21 and 25 - 28,

In an effort to place this application in condition for allowance, claims 15, 18 and 20-26 have been cancelled, claims 16, 17, 19, 27 and 28 amended and new claims 29-33 added, which are claims 18 20, 21, 25 and 26 in independent form. As such, claims 16, 17, 19, 27, 28 and 29 - 33 are in condition for allowance.

As to the examiner's commentary regarding the IDS filed December 28, 2004, it is noted that each document is identified by DE which is the designation for Germany. The publication date is designated by the term "Veröffentlichungsdatum" which translates as publication date. Nothing more is needed, so that the cited art should be considered.

Please charge any additional claim fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

Respectfully submitted,
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